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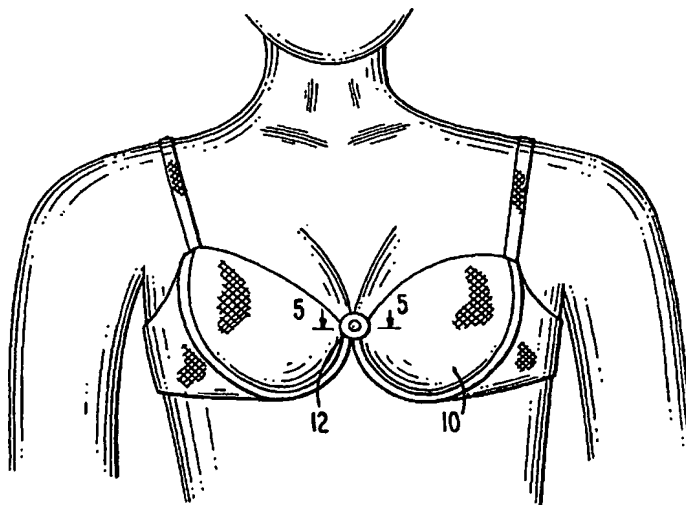
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(54) Title: **ADJUSTABLE UNDERWIRE ASSEMBLY**



(57) Abstract: An adjustable underwire assembly 12 for brassiere cups is disclosed, including a first generally U-shaped arcuate under wire member 14 dimensioned and configured for insertion into a correspondingly generally U-shaped enclosure which extends along at least a portion of a first brassiere cup, and a second 16 generally U-shaped arcuate underwire member dimensioned and configured for insertion into a correspondingly generally U-shaped enclosure which extends along at least a portion a second brassiere cup adjacent the first brassiere cup. A connecting and adjustment device 22 connects the first generally arcuate member to the second generally arcuate member, the connecting device including a plurality of locking teeth or other locking surfaces or devices to selectively alter and maintain the regular angular orientation between the first and second generally arcuate members to facilitate adjustment of the brassiere cups as required by the wearer. The cups may be rotated downwardly for comfort, or upwardly for cleavage enhancement.



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